

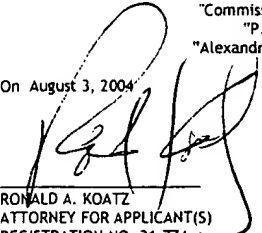


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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action and Notice of Non-Compliant amendment under 37 CFR §1.121 attached thereto, please consider the following:

Corrected "**Listing of Claims**" (modified to show the proper status identifier for each claim) begins on page 4 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper:

The Listing of Claims below is a "replacement" listing which is identical to the previous listing presented with the Response mailed June 16, 2004 except that some of the status identifiers have been changed.

Please note that claim 42 recites "currently amended" because that is what it was at the time the amendment was sent on June 16, 2004 and further it is not clear if such amendment was entered (it appears it was not).